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## Petition to Make Special: Accelerated Examination

37 C.F.R. §1.102(c)

Sir,

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R §1.102(c) for accelerated examination of this application on the basis of Applicant's age. A petition fee is not required for this petition because it is being filed under § 1.102(c).

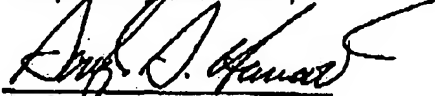
The Applicant is Robert C. Otterson. As detailed by in the Declaration that is filed herewith in support of this petition, Mr. Otterson is 73 years of age.

The application was filed over 2 years ago. On March 10, 2006 Applicant filed a Status Inquiry letter. In a response from the Patent Office dated March 17, 2006, it was estimated that a first Office action would be received in "approximately 9 months."

Under the circumstances, considering Applicant's age and the considerable delay in examining the application, it is appropriate to accelerate examination in this case and such action is respectfully requested.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,




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